



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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At the Special Meeting held May 24, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The Board received and filed and took under advisement requests and statements relating to the 2005-06 Proposed County Budget as follows:

1. Statement of Margaret Donnellan Todd, County Librarian, on behalf of Gordon Stefenhagen, Chair of the Library Commission thanking the Board for their continued support of County Libraries. Due to the passage of Proposition 1A and the Board's support the Library is now able to: (Attachment)
  - a. Replace the outdated automation system with a new state-of-the-art Integrated Library System;
  - b. Increase services in the unincorporated area;
  - c. Increase library hours;
  - d. Purchase additional materials;
  - e. Improve facilities;
  - f. Increase staffing; and
  - g. Make tremendous progress in the areas of replacement of old facilities and construction.
2. Statement of Tanya Akel, Director, General Services of Local 660 SEIU, AFL-CIO, requesting adequate staff to maintain the much needed health and social service needs for the County's most vulnerable populations: children, seniors, mentally ill and those without health insurance; and requesting that the Board, as it relates to the Sheriff's Department:
  - a. Consider the negative consequences of providing the Sheriff's Department with the resources to hire Custody Deputies and Custody Assistants without hiring the commensurate professional staff;
  - b. Provide the resources to improve the salary for the Custody Records Clerk position;
  - c. Provide resources to provide training for its professional staff; and
  - d. Reinvest savings from workers' compensation into workers' compensation prevention.

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3. Statement of Angela Phillips, Record Systems Clerk II, Sheriff's Department, and member of Local 660 SEIU, AFL-CIO, requesting funds for additional staff in the Sheriff's Department.

Following the hearing, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Received and filed and took under advisement various supplemental budget requests and comments made during the public budget hearings which commenced on May 24, 2005;
2. Made a finding that a notice of public budget hearings was given in accordance with Section 29080 of the Government Code, that said hearings commenced on the 24th day of May 2005 pursuant to said notice and as required by Section 29081 of the Government Code;
3. Closed the public budget hearings for purposes of oral testimony, with the exception of testimony from Sheriff Leroy D. Baca and Sharon Dent-Bray, finding that there are no persons with the exception of Sheriff Leroy D. Baca and Sharon Dent-Bray who have not been given the opportunity to be heard; but to allow maximum public input, permit additional written testimony and requests to be filed through the close of business, Thursday, June 2, 2005;
4. Adjourned the Special Meeting to Tuesday, May 31, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. solely for the purpose of receiving testimony Sheriff Leroy D. Baca and Sharon Dent-Bray; and
5. Reconfirmed that Budget Deliberations will begin on Monday, June 20, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

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Attachment

c: Each Supervisor  
Each Supervisor's Budget Deputy  
Sheriff  
Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
County Librarian

MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD  
COUNTY LIBRARIAN

**2005-06 BUDGET HEARING – MAY 24, 2005**  
**STATEMENT FOR**  
**GORDON STEFENHAGEN, CHAIRMAN, LIBRARY COMMISSION**

Madam Chair and Members of the Board:

My name is Margaret Donnellan Todd and I am the County Librarian. I have been asked by the Chairman of the Library Commission, Gordon Stefenhagen, to speak on his behalf. Mayor Stefenhagen apologizes for his absence but budget hearings for the Norwalk City Council are this afternoon and he must be present for those proceedings.

The Library Commission and the Library Department wish to thank the Board of Supervisors for their continuing support of the Library. With the passage of Proposition 1A and the Board's assistance, the Public Library budget will be stable for the first time in many years. The Commission fully supports the public library's top priority: the replacement of the outdated 20-year old automation system with a new state of the art Integrated Library System. In addition, the Commission is excited by the proposed increase in services in the unincorporated areas. These funds will enable the Library to increase hours, purchase additional materials and improve facilities. Perhaps most importantly these funds will allow for increased staffing especially for children's services and emergent literacy.

While the County Library still faces many challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century such as ensuring an adequate materials budget, upgrading to current technology, the replacement of old facilities as well as the construction of facilities in new growth areas, tremendous progress has been made. The Commission is deeply appreciative of the Board's commitment to the Public Library.